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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

A brief note to tell you that although I spoke with Bill's mother regarding his files & notebooks, she is reluctant to release them. They are being held by a relative and not actually in her immediate possession. She was greatly alarmed by Bill's repeated cautions to her and is, of course, still disturbed by the undetermined nature of his death. Various persons have approached her, she says, since that time and asked to see his papers. I'm sure you can understand that she feels she can trust no one just now — and I know it would be wrong to push her. It may take a while to develop her trust in this venture. She also declined to send them to me for fear that my having them could bring harm to me — so you see, her state of mind is not calm. She even brightened me a bit —

reviewing the months immediately preceding his death in Texas - the incidents & characters known to be involved (not to speak of those unknown) and the ominous phone calls, et al.

My own collection of papers are virtually all outlines of chapters for the book ~~as~~ as it was when in its early stages.

Have noticed articles on your efforts-to-date in the Times & Village Voice.

I apologize for both ~~brevity~~ brevity & lack of helpfulness at this point. When I have completed this semester's work & exams hopefully more time can be made for this important task.

With my best to you & Mrs. Weisberg,

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